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Army chief urged to release data on Nazi war criminal

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Army Secretary John Marsh Jr. was urged Tuesday to release information about Nazi war criminal Joseph Mengele, who allegedly performed medical experiments on inmates at the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland during World War II. The request came in the form of Freedom of Information papers filed by Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R) of New York and Rabbi Marvin Heir, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. They rejected the Army's contention that confidential documents about Dr. Mengele might harm national security if they were released.

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